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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

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| IN RE: |) | CHAPTER 7 |
| THEODORE MARK OLSON, |) | CASE NO. 11-63044 |
| Debtor. |) | ADV. NO. 11-6091 |
| <hr/> | | HONORABLE RUSS KENDIG |
| LISA M. BARBACCI, |) | |
| Plaintiff, |) | |
| v. |) | MEMORANDUM OF OPINION (NOT INTENDED FOR PUBLICATION) |
| THE MARSHALL BUCK FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, AND THEODORE MARK OLSON, |) | |
| Defendants. |) | |
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Plaintiff filed an adversary complaint on December 12, 2011. On January 12, 2012, Vicki Marshall filed an answer on behalf of Defendant The Marshall Buck Financial Group, LLC ("Defendant LLC"). Plaintiff moved to strike the answer because Vicki Marshall is not an attorney and therefore cannot represent Defendant LLC in this action. No response was filed to the motion.

The court has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334 and the general order of reference entered in this district on July 16, 1984. Venue in this district and division is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1409. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(K).

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Plaintiff is correct that, as a separate legal entity, an LLC must be represented by an attorney. *See, e.g., In re ICLNDS Notes Acquisition, LLC*, 259 B.R. 289 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 2001); *Doherty v. American Motors Corp.*, 728 F.2d 334, 340 (6th Cir. 1984); *Union Sav.*

Ass'n v. Home Owners Aid, Inc., 23 Ohio St.2d 60, 64 (1970). Consequently, Ms. Marshall is not authorized to file pleadings on behalf of Defendant LLC. The court orders the answer filed by Ms. Marshall stricken.

An order in accordance with this decision will be entered immediately.

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